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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Katsumi YABUSAKI et al. :
Serial No. 10/069,652 : Group Art Unit - 2878
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For: APPARATUS FOR IMAGING :
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE

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Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on April 3, 2004. This is an extension request for replying to the October 3 Office Action within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the October 3 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

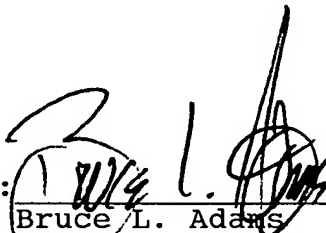
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A check in the amount \$950.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

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